Obama Administration Announces Additional $21,062,200 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Kansas

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest $3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes $21,062,200 for state, county and city efforts in Kansas. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of $94,725,771 in Kansas weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at energy.gov/recovery.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

KS	Kansas Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	$	21,062,200
KS	Kansas	State Energy Office	$	9,593,500
KS	Hutchinson	City	$	174,300
KS	Kansas City	City	$	1,398,800
KS	Lawrence	City	$	858,600
KS	Lenexa	City	$	227,100
KS	Manhattan	City	$	503,700
KS	Olathe	City	$	1,105,400
KS	Overland Park	City	$	1,706,300
KS	Salina	City	$	201,700
KS	Shawnee	City	$	533,100
KS	Topeka	City	$	1,240,200
KS	Wichita	City	$	3,519,500

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

KS	Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas	$	44,700
KS	Potter Valley Tribe, California (formerly the Potter Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California)	$	25,000
KS/NE	Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	$	42,800
KS/NE	Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	$	25,000

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.

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